



# CCM 2015 Testimony

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## ***HOUSING COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5490, "An Act Concerning Relocation Expenses of Displaced Tenants"**

CCM supports this bill.

HB 5490 would provide mandates relief to municipalities by exempting them from paying the costs to relocate persons who have been displaced by fire or natural disaster. While the efforts to help displaced persons is a well-intentioned, inserting municipalities into this process is problematic and costly- especially in this economy.

The proposed bill is a reasonable effort to reduce municipal costs and eliminate one of the more than 1,200 unfunded mandates imposed on towns and cities.

CCM asks the Committee to raise and favorably report HB 5490.



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